SEVERAL BIG PROJECTS ELIMINATED BY DISTRICT BILL,

Suburban Street and Sewer Estimates Badly Slashed in Appropriations Committee-Firemen and Policemen in Uniform May Ride Free on Cars.

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furnishings and equipment Western High School; the lopping of \$160,000 in the estimates for sube estimates for suburban sewers, The changes in employments and ites of compensation of District em-

es are few. The bill authorizes the one assistant secone clerk at \$1,500. A clerk at \$1,200 outhorized instead of an assistant ctary to the Commissioners, and in

he salary of one messenger in the eliding inspection division is in-eased from \$480 to \$600, and an addi-onal assistant inspector of plumbing, \$1,000, is allowed in the plumbing inthe assessor's office no change is taining them

of the assessor's office no change is die, except an increase in the pay one messenger from \$450 to \$500. The auditor's office is given a propal clerk at \$1,000, and an additional the amount for marketmasters is in

At the farmers' produce market the to \$450, and an additional laborer, \$480, is authorized, with provision at he shall assist in the care of both interior and exterior of the marappropriation for the addi-

In the Engineer Commissioner's of-

eased from \$450 to \$000 each. The pay of one laborer in the elec-ical department is raised from \$460 to

onths is raised from \$45 to \$50 a onth, and the term of employment of general utility man at \$50 per month creased from four to seven months

anges in salaries and personnel are

dent's office at \$1,000. tine additional teachers at \$1,000 each; sale at \$500 each; eight at \$550; five at \$500 each; eight at \$550; five at \$1,180, same as last year, instead of \$1,580.

Library and Contingencies. of building and a janitor and laare omitted in the Miner build

account of the previous authori zation of an additional fire engine ompany and the conversion of a cheman company into an engine company following additional salaries are

The salaries of laborers in the health

For the Juvenile Court an additional Poard obations officer, at \$1,000, and one armoman, at \$240, are provided for nd an additional messenger, at \$600, is

gton Asylum and fall is increased as

two graduate aurses, from \$4% 0 cach, and one graduate nurse \$125 to \$480. Three laundresses \$360 each, are eliminated.

The National Training School for Girls print paper and mates an additional teacher at \$600, and architect's office, \$800, and architect's office, \$800.

An item of \$2.000 for allowed an additional caretaker at The Board of Children's Guardians is en an additional placing and investi-ting officer, at \$900.

Few Salary Increases. The pay of two messengers is in-

eased from \$540 to \$600 each. The above are the only salary changes thorized in the bill. The Commisners themselves made but few rec-I zing that the pruning knife would wielded at the Capital. For several laries, but this recommendation was a estimates of the Commissioners.

Increase over last year, the Comgioners nevertheless were aware of only the desire, but the probable easily throughout the Government educing expenditures to a minimum d so in the preparation of their esti-tes for the District appropriation bil Commissioners have been guided by at thought, and have submitted esti-ates of their needs for the year which ey have in every possible direction ared and cut down, and have avoided proving to the Congress increases of alaries, new positions, and new projets that they thought, under other and ore favorable circumstances, they ould have submitted to it with entire opriety, but instead of that, bearing mind the general situation in the untry and what the Congress probbly has to face in the matter of the eccessity of reducing expenditures herever possible, they have fallen in with that general view and under-iding, but in doing so they venture express the hope that the committee far as possible, will catch the spirit ich has influenced the Commission-in the preparation of these estutes and will, as near as may se their approval to much, if not all, at the Commissioners have asked for

this bill. Legislative Riders.

ies in the District of Columbia are uthorized and required to transport ee of charge all members of the met-

dissioners and at such times as they

and any bid or bids at any such auc tion may be rejected by the Commis

rban roads, and a cut of \$87,000 in eration of public scales in the District they may prescribe and for such fees as they shall approve, and they may grant permits, revocable on thirty days' notice, for the location of such scales on public spaces under the'r control.
"Authority is granted the Comm sioners to make rules and regulations governing the conduct of the municipal playgrounds and recreation centers coming under their control.

drivers, at \$300 each, are omitted the lamps on any street, avenue, alley road, or public space, or portion there of, for a shorter period each night than that required by the provisions of the above-mentioned acts, at such reduced rates for said lamps as may be agree upon by and between said Commission ers and the lighting companies main

Central High School.

of the appropriations for the constru tion of a new Central High School building are made available for the complete equipment and for furniture furnishings, and pianos for said building, and for the complete equ'pment of the athletic field and the stadium connected therewith, in accordance with the plans and specifications of file in the office of the Engineer Com

ovided in the office of the superindent of weights and measures, and salary of one laborer is increased of the District of Columbia and of the United States the

month for twelve months, and the ing appropriations or the estimates subof twelve watchmen for twelve mitted by the departments, are as fol-

Auditor's Office-Salaries, \$47.476, instead of \$49,3% asked for. Superintendent Weights, ies, \$7,700; requested, \$17,000. For School Personnel.

Engineer Commissioner's Office-Salaries, \$173,507, and 158 employes, inin the public schools the following stead of \$186,880 and 167 employes.

\$38,278; estimate for \$70,600. Street Cleaning Division - Salaries.

Library and Contingencies Public Library-Salaries, \$47,100, as esimated; miscellaneous expenses,

Contingent Expenses-Motor vehicles and maintenance, \$14,534, instead of \$23,the fire department: One one licutenant, \$1.200: the Commissioners, the building inspecaptain, \$1.490; one lieutenant, \$1.200; the Commissioners, the building inspec-tor, and street cleaning division, the stant engineers, at \$1.500 each; one surveyor's office, and superintendent of river, at \$1.50; one assistant driver, construction, and the assistants to the o privates, at \$1,000, and Engineer Commissioner, is authorized, but it is provided that two machines for the surveyor's office shall be in lieu of one old machines. lies of one old machine to be ex-changed. No increases were authorized ers' recommendation that the Excise Board use an automobile was omitted from the bill. It is provided that all rotor vehicles operated by the District shall be used only in the public service. Register of Wills—A \$4,500 appropriation for file cases was not allowed

The following items under contingent and miscellaneous expenses were also omitted from the bill: Repairs and opconstruction of wharves, \$1,000; dryprint paper and materials, municipal

An item of \$2.00 for a new roof of Eastern market was allowed.

Improvements and Repairs-Assess mated; work on streets and avenues \$59,400, instead of the \$160,000 estimated repaying certain specified streets, \$48,700 a reduction from estimates of \$66,700 grading and condemnation of streets and alleys, \$16,000, as requested; construction of suburban roads, \$100,300, instend of the \$1000 asked for renairs \$145.000 instead of \$175,000 requested; re-

for eleaning, requiring, and operation of sewers, as compared with \$95,00s re-quested. The principal cut was in the estimate of \$22,800 for suburba

street cleaning, dust prevention, and snow removal were cut to \$270,000, and and for bathing beach, \$4,730, instead of \$10,190. The committee disapproved of and and also the employment of an addi-

85 and fifty employes, as estimated. street portheast were not approved.

Washington Aqueduct—The appropria-tion for the aqueduct is approximately The comparatively few legislative \$57,000 less than the estimates, the priniders contained in the Disrict budget cinal items eliminated being \$23,750 for to convers as follows: ments, \$18,000, the same as last year, a reduction of \$2,000 in the estimates. Public Schools—Officers' salaries, \$56,-

such public auction or auctions year and as estimated. Kindergarten be under the direction of the Com-

DISTRICT BILL AT A GLANCE

Appropriates \$11,302,808.45, inclusive of water department. A cut of \$1,606,000 approximately in the

Bill carries about \$970,000 less than bill for current fiscal year. Paring knife wielded all along the

Contains no attack on half-and-half plan and no radical legislative riders.

Provides that firemen and policemen in uniform shall ride free on street cars of the District. Directs sale of public scales operated by District and proposes that Commissioners may license individuals to operate public scales.

Authorizes sale of products of Occoquan workhouse to Government departments and institutions. Salary increases authorized are few and affect mainly janitors, messengers, and laborers.

Does not allow following big items in Commissioners' estimates. Municipal hospital, \$50,000; building for fish wharf and market, \$200,000; remodeling school buildings, \$50,000; furnishings Western High School, \$50,000; Anacostia river flats reclamation work, \$200,000.

Estimates for extension of suburban streets and sewers badly cut.

Authorizes paving of upper Seventh street, following fight for this improvement led by The Times last

covering rented rooms, medical inspec-tors, nurses, rent of buildings, and temporary classrooms are the same as ast year, and no changes were made Repairs and improvements to school buildings and grounds, \$190.000, as esti-mated, but an item of \$50.000 for alter-ing and remodeling buildings was elim-trated.

Some School Items.

The appropriations for manual trainof the Engineer Commissioner's of aid workhouse and said reformatory, and all moneys derived from such sales that to the credit of the United States and furniture total \$116,570, as request-shall be paid into the Treasury, one half to the credit of the United States and one-half to the credit of the District of Columbia."

The appropriations The appropriations of the appropriations of the products of the products of the products of the appropriations. The appropriations of the appropriations of the appropriations of the appropriations of the appropriations. The appropriations of the products of the products of the products of the appropriations. The appropriations of the products of the produc ing, apparatus, fuel, light, and power, The committee omitted the \$50,000 cstimate for furnishing and equipment for Western High School. At the hearings on the bill the Commissioners said the reconstruction of this school had just been commenced, and it was impossible to tell how much of the \$150,000 pre-viously appropriated would remain when the building is completed next

September.
The public school items for piano textbooks, flags, and grading of play-grounds are the same as last year. The Commissioners' estimates were fol-The Commissioners' estimates were followed on the comparatively small items of school gardens, maintenance, and renairs of playgrounds, instruction of the indigent blind, instruction of colored deaf-mutes, apparatus for physics department, and the salary of one cabinetmaker. The Columbia Institution for the Deaf gets \$12,250, as recommended, and \$2,500 is allowed for chemistry and highest departments in the schools, and biology departments in the schools, instead of the \$3,500 estimated.

The total appropriation for school The total appropriation

bulldings and grounds is \$700,000, as estimated by the Commissioners, while the amount for the entire public school system aggregates \$3,190,140, as compared with \$3,362,700 requested by the Metropolitan Police-Salaries, 2916.

Metropolitan Police-Salaries, 2319, 799, 49, as compared with \$923,589,49 estimated. Although there has been no net increase in the number of officers, the bill authorizes a shift in the classes of the privates in the department so that next year there will be 190 private of class 2 of class 3, 124 privates of class 2,

Eliminate Fire House.

class \$1,680, and of the third class \$1,260,

SALES BY OCCOQUAN TO U. S. ARE FAVORED

ment and permit work, \$200,000, 2s esti- District Bill Provides for Larger Utilization of Workhouse

Approval of the Commissioners' plan to sell the products of convict labor at as requested; repairs to suburban reads. Occoquan to various government institutions is contained in the District ap-Commissioner Siddons assured the losis Hospital is \$52,120, Instead of \$55,200 propriation bill, as agreed upon today. House committee that the labor organizations, which are cordially opposed to convict competition with free labor, had no objection to an increased sale of the output of Occoquan-

Railroad Not Authorized.

electric railroad desired by the Com- in the last District appropriation 'ommissioners, the hearings on the Dis- Committee. trict bill, now public, show that Commissioner Siddons said:

instance, now supplies a good many of \$111,180 requested; Industrial Home its products to other District institu- School for Colored Children, \$38,200, in tions. I am not sure whether Congress lieu of \$21,000 requested; Industrial Home has yet recommended a law permitting School, \$27,290, the same as last year; us to sell our products to the Federal National Association for Relief of Des-Government, but while on that subject titute Colored Women and Children, Public Convenience Stations—The extra say that one of the questions for Foundlings, \$5,000, as heretofore; St. that has suggested itself as to the convenience of the convenience of the supplied of the convenience of the supplied of the convenience of the convenie timates of \$18,000 for a new station at that has suggested itself as to the Ann's Infant Asylum, \$5,300, as hereto Pifteenth street, Maryland avenue, and possibility of doing that was, perhaps forc. possibility of doing that was, perhaps the attitude of the labor organizations, but just as the labor organizations have been friendly to the utilization of our House, \$1,190; Home for ex-Union \$61. on being in the item for lighting. products at Occoquan in the District diers and Sallors, \$5.220, Florence is put at the same figure as last institutions, so they have manifested tenton Mission, \$5.000. rear, \$285,000. Two additional employes the same friendly feeling toward enfort the insane, \$355,000, as estimated: Washington Aqueduct—The appropria- larging the field so as to include the deportation of non-resident insane, larging the field so as to include the deportation of non-resident insane, Federal Government, and we believe \$1,000, as estimated; relief of the poor, there will be no cause to apprehend or \$12,000, as per estimate; transportation to contemplate opposition from that of

Production Increasing.

"Now, we are increasing our production all the time, our output all the propriation to build a small time, and if the plans that are in mind rathroad from the river to the workreduction of \$2,000 in the estimates.

Public Schools—Officers' salaries. Establic salar in mind and in the performance of heir duties.

"That hereafter night soil may be constituted and disposed of by any process attisfactory to the Commissioners.

"All public scales now owned by the district of Columbia shall be soid to instruct of Columbia shall be soid to instruct of columbia shall be soid to in the salaries and contingent expenses on such public auction or auctions."

The salaries and contingent expenses of night schools of the method of the plans that are in mind for a new reformatory shall receive house, and to make other improvements and increased and increased. Part of that increased and increased. Part of that increased appropriation is for this little railroad.

Commissioners Sidons said that Occommissioners. The increased appropriation is for this little railroad.

Commissioners Sidons said that Occommissioners in products last year were worth in the statement of \$2,20 and probably would reach \$30,00 and probably would reach \$

higher officers.

The miscellanous appropriation of the police department was cut to \$47,600, the estimates calling for \$62,600. The esti-mates for the house of detention and the harbor patrol were not reduced. Fire department-Salaries for 502 fire mer and officers, \$568,230 in lieu of \$586,-220 requested; miscellaneous expenses. \$129,050, in lieu of \$133,150 requested. The Commissioner estimates for permanent improvements were cut from \$89,800 to \$14,200. The committee eliminated the proposed fire house in the vicinity of Twelfth and Enghth streets northeast to cost \$40,000. The committee also dis-approved the \$12,600 estimate for installing steam heat in various engine and truck houses which are now heated by stoves. Other items not allowed by the mmittee included \$10,000 for additional otor fire engine, \$6,000 for motor chemical and hose wagon, \$12,000 for two combination chemical and hose wagons driven by motor and two motor-driven

actors to cost \$9,200. Health department—Practically no changes are provided in the health de-partment appropriations. The salary oll remains at \$64,940 and the fund for prevention of contagious diseases is ixed at \$25,000, as heretofore, although estimate for repairs at the smallpox Twenty-seventh street, from I to Kcospital to cost \$1,000 was eliminated. as was the proposed \$2,8% allowance for al laboratory and \$300 for maintenance the Commissioners are directed to un-f same. The estimate for repairs to dertake the improvements of streets in

Courts-There were no changes in the ports and the Juvenile Court. The sala-ries for the police court are the same from the end of pavement to the bridge. ries for the police court are the same as last year, \$30,180, and the miscellaneus fund of the police court was fixed Northeast Section Schedule-

prisons are as follows: for; care of court house, \$19,680, as per estimate; Court of Appeals building, North Carolina avenue, and A street, from Thirteenth.

See: Appeals building, North Carolina avenue, and A street, from Thirteenth to Pifteenth. pay of bailiffs. District Supreme Court. In connection with the appropriations otal \$97,000, as per estimates; miscelancous expenses Supreme Court of the for the specific schedule, the bill con-

School for Boys, \$69,000, instead of \$72,000 School for Boys, \$69,000, instead of \$72,000 which they appear in said schedules, and schedules,

The appropriation for the following hospitals are the same as last year. namely: Freedman's, \$35,000. Columbia. \$2,000; Children's Hospital, \$14,000; National Homeopathic Hospital, \$3,000; Emergency Hospital, \$17,000; Eastern Dispensary, \$7,500; Home for Incurables, \$5,000; Georgetown University Hospitul, \$5,000; George Washington University Hospital, \$5,000.

mendation for \$150,000 for a not

Railroad Not Authorized. hospital, to be known as the Gallinger The committee did not authorize the Hospital. The Senate provided for this missioners for transporting products between the workhouse and the water
front, but allowed the companion request for a larger sale of Occoquan
to be named after Senator Gallinger. products. Explaining the plan of the former chairman of the Senate District

Child-Caring Institutions.

Child-Caring Institutions-Board of You may recall that Occoquan, for Children's Guardians, \$9,600, Instead of

of paupers, \$2,000, as per estimate; workhouse, \$175,990, in lieu of \$177,050 estimated; reformatory, \$15,000, instead of the \$75,000 asked for The Commissioners proposed with this larger

on estimate submitted for the reclama-

No increases were authorized in the tion of the Anacostia flats. Major Hope road to Minnesota avenue, gra Kutz, Engineer Commissioner, told the House committee that this amount was desired to construct a cofferdam and a and improve, \$2, In all, \$100,300. lock on the line of Massachusetts avenue, but the committee members de-cided that this project might be post-poned, following their appropriation of

CARLES AND THE APPROPRIES

\$100,000 for the Anacostia reclamation roject of last year.
Small Parks-For small parks the Commissioners are authorized to spend \$25,000, for the condemnation of park areas at the intersection of streets outside of the limits of the original city of Washington. This was the amount carried in the estimates.

Street Estimates Cut.

Street Estimates-The committee cut badly the estimates for work on streets and avenues named in specific schedules. The appropriations for these schedules were as follows.

Northwest section schedule, \$6,400 instead of the \$18,900 asked by the Commissioners. In this schedule were contemplated improvements for the following specified streets: Hanover place, from North Capitol westward; W street, from Eleventh to Tweigth; E street, he Commissioners requested \$30,000. The from Nineteenth to Twentieth, and With the limited appropriation for this schedule, as well as the other schedules,

of same. The estimate for repairs to dertake the improvements of streets the public crematory, \$2,000, and completion of room at the crematory, \$100.

Georgetown Schedule-\$5,500 as request-separate saventh street. the public crematory, \$2,000, and completion of room at the crematory, \$100, was cut out. The sum of \$100 as requested was allowed for purchase and maintenance of motor vehicles for the health department. Appropriations for the disinfectant service, abatement of nuisances, inspection of dairy farms, isolating wards in Garfield and Providence Hospitals, maintenance of public crematory, and contin
ance of public crematory, and continance of public crematory, and contingent expenses, are the same as last rear. The estimate of \$1,000 for supplies in the improvement of Twelfth street for the bacteriological laboratory was from B to Pennsylvania avenue; I street cut to \$300. street from Pennsylvania avenue to Po-tomac avenue, and from B street to D street and Fourteenth street from stimates for the Court of Appeals re- East Capitol to Massachusetts avenue

Northeast Section Schedule.

streets: K street, from Seventh to to be used for a number of badly needed Other items relating to court and Eighth and from Eighth to Tenth; cts, 189,000, instead of \$110,000 asked street, from Thirteenth to Fifteenth;

District \$15,000, estimate \$15,000. estimate \$15 ed, in the discretion of the Commis-sioners, instead of being graded and regulated.

The bill contains the following spe Repaye with asphalt the roadway Seventh street northwest, Seventh street northwest, from New York avenue to Q street, \$20,000. Repave with asphalt the granite block roadway pavement of Tenth street northwest, from Pennsylvania avenue to the south side of B street, forty feet

Repave with asphalt the granite block coadway pavement of Tenth street coordinates from Pennsylvania avenue to the south side of B street, forty feet wide, \$15.500.

Repave with asphalt the granite block the merchants and residents along this line. rendway pavement of Florida avenue northwest, from Seventh street to Ninth street, forty-six feet wide, \$5.399. The estimates for the repaying of the

pers asked \$18,000 for this purpose. Specific Road Items. Suburban roads-The following de-

tailed appropriations for the construction of suburban roads and streets are carried in the bill; Northwest-Sherman avenue,

bia road to Park road, grade and im-prove, \$13,290. Northeast-V street, Lincoln road to Second street grade and improve, \$5,300. Southeast-Naylor road, east of Good Hope road to District of Columbia line, grade and improve, \$5,000.

Northwest-Canal road, south side, re-taining wall, reconstruct (provided the Chesapeake and Ohlo Canal Company pays one-half), grade and improve,

mittee turned down the 200,- \$1,000. curbs?
te submitted for the reclama- Southeast-Seventeenth street, Good Mr. Siddons-Tes, air, fifty feet.

Suburban Road Work. In the appropriations for suburbs

roads, the northwest section was hard hit by the committee and a number of projects proposed for that section were eliminated in the bill.

The estimates for suburban road con-struction which the committee did not allow were as follows: Connecticut avenue northwest, from Tilden street to Grant road, \$30,000; Grading and improving Connecticut avenue, northwest from Cathedral avenue to Klingle road bridge, \$3,300; Improving McKinley street northwest, from Connecticut avenue to Thirty-ninth street, \$3,000; grading Albemarie street, Connecticut avenue to Rene road. connecticut avenue to Reno road. Other projects not approved by the House Committee, but recommended by the Commissioners in the estimates for suburban road construction were as fol-

ows:

Northwest-Eleventh street, Irving street to Monroe street, grade and im-prove, \$12,200. Northwest-Shepherd street. Rock Creek Church road to Fifth street, grade and improve, \$5,300.

Northwest-Princeton place, Georgia avenue to Rock Creek Church road, grade and improve, \$2,500.

Northwest-Fifth street, Rock Creek Church road to Shepherd street grade. Church road to Shepherd street, grade and improve, \$5.500. Northwest-Kenyon street, Georgia avenue to Park place, grade and imgrove, \$9,490. Northwest-Warder street, Kenyon street to Columbia road, grade and im-prove. \$4,500. Northwest-Park place, Newton street

Manor place, grade and improve Northwest - Twenty - seventh street, Woodley road to Cathedral avenue, pave, \$6,000.

Northwest-Woodley road, Connecticut avenue to Twenty-seventh street, pave, \$7,600.

Northwest-Benning road, end of ma-cadam to Central avenue.

cadam to Central avenue, grade and

\$24,000 in- the current year. The \$50,000 item for of class three, 107 of class two, and at \$13,500 as heretofore, the estimates stead of the \$23,000 asked. Improveding and remodeling buildings was latter class getting \$900, of the second receives \$23,650 as requested.

Northeast Section Schedule—\$24,000 in the current year. The \$50,000 item for altering and remodeling buildings was latter class getting \$900, of the second receives \$23,650 as requested.

STREET AUTHORIZED

Appropriations Committee of Houses Indorses Fight Made by The Times.

The repaying of upper Seventh street. from New York avenue to Q street, is uthorized in the District appropriation

to our left, and the roads are the trible to first it? I could only nod want to risk it? I could only nod egislators and the public the detri-nental condition of the Seventh street nental condition of the Seventh street readway. For many, many years teams have rattled over the worn cobblestones of upper Seventh street with the result that business was impeded and the residents along the street driven alpost to desperation by the noise.

And so after passing lovely Berques, mostly Berques, mostly and buttlemented and medieval, we switched to the left and mour. It really lasted less than a minute—much less. When it stopped I looked over to see if my Belgian friend had been hit. He grinned. Those living on the street contended that there was no thoroughfare in the city more worthy of modern.

Then suddenly barg. ity more worthy of modern paving and Congress has at last acceded to their

appeal.

Because of he late beginning of the ngitation for improved paving last session, the Seventh street item was lost in the shuffle at the Capitol. The House in the single at the Capitol. The House Committee, however, has made amends by carrying it in the bill which will be reported to the House Monday and it is provided that \$39,000 shall be spent Northwest—Canal road, south side, re-aining wall, reconstruct (provided the Thesapeake and Ohlo Canal Company ays one-half), grade and improve, Northeast—For improving a roadway

Northeast—For improving a roadway from Division avenue and Grant street region Division avenue and Grant street raving, although the enactment of the dorlard amendment will throw one-peake Junction, in accordance with plans on file in the office of the Engline Commissioner, grade and improved during the hearings when Company of the region of the regi

plans on file in the cince of the physical gineer Commissioner, srade and improve, \$2,00, and so much as may be necessary of the appropriation for grading streets in Burrylle authorized by the act making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year 1915 is authorized to be used for grading this roadway.

Northwest—Georgia avenue, Irving street to Rock Creek road, grade and improve, \$2,500.

Northwest—Georgia avenue, grade and improve, \$2,500.

Northwest—Myrtle street, South Dakot to Central avenue, grade and improve, \$2,500.

Northwest—Myrtle street, Fouth Capitol Street to Flasker place, pave, \$12,00.

Northeast—Monroe street, Twelfth street to Thirteenth street, grade and improve, \$2,500.

Northwest—Georgia from any source on account of the Central avenue, grade and improve \$2,500.

Northwest—Street of Columbia for the issent to thirteenth street, grade and many source on account of the Forland amendment. We street house to Flasker place, pave, \$12,00.

Northeast—Monroe street, Twelfth street to Thirteenth street, grade and improve, \$2,500.

Northwest—Georgia avenue, Irving store to Flasker place, pave, \$12,00.

Northwest—Street of Columbia for the scheme to the provide of the scheme to the provi

Southeast Seventh street, Alabama work between the tracks and two feet with beyond the exterior rails.

Municipal Hospital, Fish Wharf and Market, and Reclamation of Anacostia Flats, and Remodeling of Schools Left Out of Appropriations.

alterations, including a central heating and toward grading of said site, \$250,000 plant for the Central High, Polk, and The current bill retains the provi-Henry schools; improved toilet facili- sions of a year ago regarding adequate

on the site purchased for that purpose,

plant for the Central High. Polk. and Henry schools; improved toilet facilities at Deanwood School, retaining walls and parking spaces at Abbott School; improved lighting for the Sumner School; modern sewers for the Conduit road and Kenliworth schools, and sanitary drinking fountains in many school buildings, now without them.

The detailed appropriations for school buildings follow the estimates closely, the Commissioners having failed to outline the customary extensive building program. The bill carries the following:

Buildings and Grounds-Toward the construction of the new Central High School on the site purchased for that purpose and toward grading and other work necessary to brepare the site, grading of an athletic stadium, \$459,000.

So much as may be necessary of the appropriations for the construction of an athletic stadium, \$459,000.

So much as may be necessary of the appropriations for the construction of an ew Central High School building are made available for the complete equipment and for furniture, furnishings, and planos for said building, and for the complete equipment of the athletic field and the stadium connected therewith, in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Engineer Commissioner.

School Fire Exits.

Toward the construction of the new M Street High School for colored pupils, on the site purchased for that purpose, the Minry of the Michigan avenue trunk sewer for Twelfth street east to the Baltimore and Ohlo railroad, \$15,000.

Chased by Shells Upon Battle Front

Correspondent With Belgian Army Gets Some Impressions of Real Fighting When German Batteries Mistake Him for Artillery Officer.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS.

HAZEBROUCK, France, Nov. 20 (by mail to New York).—I wish to record in the first paragraph my deep regard and admiration for the Belgians. The French "pinch" the average war correspondent and clap him into jail whenever he shows the slightest inclination to do any corresponding; the English deport him; the Russlans make flowery, welcome-to-our-midst speeches-and keep him so far behind the fighting line that he can't even hear the guns shoot.

BELGIANS REAL SPORTS.

But the Belgians are real sports. They fire. It won't take more than three have a fellow feeling. They are all shells to get the range at this rate. right. They wink an eye and turn a right. They wink an eye and turn a lock while we go close enough to give the Germans a pot shot at us. Only this morning they let me chase one of their own, specially manufactured, Belpriation is given the Commissioners for repairs to school buildings and grounds, this amount being \$15,000 less than for the current year. The \$50,000 test for the chase me to Hazebruck. Needless the current year. The \$50,000 test for the chase me to Hazebruck. Needless the control of the chase me to Hazebruck. Needless the control of the chase me to Hazebruck. Needless the control of the chase me to Hazebruck. Needless the control of the chase me to Hazebruck. Needless the control of the chase me to Hazebruck. Needless the control of the chase me to Hazebruck. Needless the control of the contro Early this morning I was in Dunkirk yearning for closer acquairgance with the fighting I could hear going on twelve

miles away. I went to the service lieu-tenant, a gray haired little reservist, for a pass. Plead as I might, the only pass he would give me was one to Eng-land.

Off To Battle Front. I left the reservist lieutenant, crest fallen and badly disappointed. There seemed no hope in any direction. 1 sauntered by Belgian headquarters, where I met a Belgian licutenant with whom I had dinner last night. I told "Too bad." he said. "I'm going to

Hazebrouck today. My laissez-passer is for two. Want to go along?" Did 1? I did! We hurried to the lieutenant's car and in no time passed through the barri-cades at the city gates, over the bridge spanning the seawater most and on into the country. The wind shield had been shot away and as we burned the road a fine mist stung our faces like bay rum after a close shave. Not until we passed

through Coudekerk did my friend speak. Some Real Scrapping.

"Like to see some scrapping?" he casually asked. I gasped, swallowing much mist. I couldn't believe my ears. "The fighting is just a short distance

And so after passing lovely Berques

Dixmude.
Then suddenly—barg!
We darted into a cross-road, and right near us, judging by sound, the big guns were slamming away. We left the car and walked toward a windmill 500 yards away, across beet fields and a truck garden. The firing became louder, with huge booms echoing from our right.
"The French are using their seventy-five-millimeters over there." said the lieutenant, pointing northward. In the distance I saw a small village.

Battle For Village.

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The windmill was deserted. mounted the ladders to the top and pression, but we could see the puffs from their guns. Shells were flying back and forth over the village. Occa-

Of course, I didn't argue. Yes, I hur-

beets, we were in a neid where nar-vesting had begun. In regular pyramids forty or fifty feet apart were great purple and white piles of beets. I dodged behind one. The Belgian was behind another. S-p-r-e-w-w-w-w-w-we-c-this shell was mighty close.
"Flat down," the officer cried. I fell

flat, clinging to my hat. Bang! Beet Pile a Refuge.

A shrapnel burst not very far above us. Following the explosion came a great buzzing and zooning not unlike the buzz of a hundred million mad hornets or bees. It seemed the buzzing nets or bees. It seemed the buzzing would go on forever. Something was tiedling my neck; something crawling down my back. A spider, I thought; perhaps a biting spider. I remember fearfully wondering if it would prove to be a poisonous spider. Then I thought that if bitten, I'd have to apply to an army surgeon at a village that French and Belgian forces had just occupied. If I did this, I'd be arrested for cupied. If I did this, I'd be arrested for being too near the firing line. Ouch! The spider had bitten me. I snatch. The spider had betten me, snatch, away at my neck-and pulled out the sharp end of a weed which had been sticking me. How earthy the sugar beets smelled. I wondered if sugar beets like these were used to make mache salad. I hardly thought so; the beets they use in Paris for mache salad are much smaller, and more purple. These were nearly white around the

bottom. Shrapnel Like Bees.

And so I continued to think all serie of crazy things while that bumble be-"Shrapnel," he said with another in. "Let's crank up and go." I wa grin. "Let's crank up and go." I was already on my way. As we reached the automobile we looked back in time

to see a huge pile of sugar beets leap high in the air, making a purplish, smoky, muddy, streaky splotch against the sky, like a multi-colored ink blotch in motion. There was a boom! Then the blotch disappeared. The inoffensive beets fell back into the shrapnel dug hole, a ton of bleeding shreds.
"Good shot," said my lie "Good shot," said my lieutenant.
"Let's so away from here."
And here I am. I wonder if they got that windmill. When the war is

over, I'm going back to see, G. W. U. Belgian Fund

Continues to Grow

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Mr. Page—On this rirect the car track runs, and that reduces very considerably the cost of this work?

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The Commissioners are authorized their discretion to maintain part of

"That so much as may be necessary

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> Municipal Architect's Office-Salaries, \$36,250 for nineteen employes; estimate for \$31,830 and twenty-four employes.

> luding substitute employment and Sunday opening, \$25,000, as estimated.

Improvements and Repairs.

urbs. \$10,000, as estimated. Bridges Operation Highway Bridge, \$15,000; operation Anacostia River Bridge, \$5,600 both as estimated. Sewers-A total of \$500,000 is allowed

Streets-The estimate of \$30,000 for \$19.000 estimate for street cleaning A total of \$179,945 is allowed for disosal of refuse; for parking commis ion, \$45,000, instead of \$55,000 asked

Playgrounds Allowance. Playgrounds-Amount allowed, \$49.665.

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